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SUSSEX SCHOOLBOYS WHO HAVE TACKLED A BIG JOB

A few months ago the CN reported that the boys of Lewes County Grammar School were digging the trenches for the foundations of their own chapel. A special correspondent who has visited the school sends this up-to-date report on their work.

EVER since last autumn the boys have been busy with pick and shovel, preparing the site for their own chapel, and now the trenches are ready for the foundations. In the school stores long planks of Sussex oak are being seasoned in readiness for the carpentry class to carve them into pulpit, pews, and choir stalls.

An organ has been given by Cuddesdon College, Oxfordshire. A contractor has promised to give the first ten tons of cement, and others have agreed to provide materials on favourable terms. Several public schools have contributed to the building fund.

BEGINNING OF IT ALL

Lewes County Grammar School is comparatively new. It opened in September 1930, with builders and decorators still at work. There were only five masters for seven forms, and a hundred desks for 140 boys.

Most of the boys were strangers to one another, and not happy at having been transferred from their old schools. Altogether it was not a very encouraging start on which to found a sense of school pride and tradition.

But the headmaster, Mr. N. R. J. Bradshaw, was young and enthusiastic. He knew school life calls for more than classroom teaching. The nineteen-thirties, however, were hard times, calling for strict economy. There was no money to spare for anything except the bare tools of education; so the boys themselves set to work to raise it.

Within three years of its opening, the school was thinking about a swimming pool. Two water diviners were engaged, and a hole was drilled at the spot both of them had marked. Water was found at ninety feet.

GREAT EFFORT

Between October 1934 and March 1935 schoolboy volunteers dug out more than 400 tons of soil. A professional contractor did the rest, and in June 1935, what would have been a £2000 swimming pool was opened. Altogether it had cost only £500, and that had been raised by fêtes and subscriptions.

When war broke out in 1939 only 120 boys from the Lewes County Grammar School were old enough for military service. But

by the end of 1945 no fewer than 57 old boys had lost their lives.

As early as 1942 the question of a school war memorial was raised. Mr. Bradshaw had no doubt in his own mind what form it should take. The school needed a chapel. He could think of no better memorial to the boys who had lost their lives—a memorial that would serve the living.

He consulted the County Architects' department. Plans for a chapel to accommodate 500 were drawn up and the cost was estimated at £10,000.

It was an ambitious project, and from the start it was obvious that the money would have to be raised entirely by Mr. Bradshaw and the boys. The school had not been in existence long enough to have numerous old boys able to subscribe big sums.

DOWN TO EARTH

The boys were enthusiastic about the idea. The chapel fund, opened in 1942, began to grow from the profits made by boys cultivating five acres of rough ground on the school premises. They bred geese, rabbits, and pigs fed on swill from the school canteen; they grew potatoes; they harvested hay and sold it to a local corn merchant.

In the autumn of 1945 the first public appeal was launched in the form of a school fête which brought over £1720. Two others followed in 1948 and 1952, each raising nearly £1000. Meanwhile, the boys were raising smaller sums with plays and concerts, and in various other ways.

INCREASING COSTS

Altogether, this private project, sponsored by the headmaster and parents committee and approved in principle by the education committee and governors of the school, has raised £3000 more than the original estimate of £10,000. But costs have risen greatly; the lowest tender is now £28,000.

The school also provides technical instruction for day-release building apprentices, so full use has been made of these facilities. Older boys from the grammar side have also been taking instruction in bricklaying. In this way the school hoped to reduce costs by doing the building up to the aisle roof level, under the super-

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BARGES ABOVE THE PLANES

Holidaymakers landing at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport for the first time are astonished to see barges sailing round the outskirts at a higher level than their plane.

The explanation: Schiphol, 13 feet below sea level, is surrounded by a dyke which holds back the waters of the Ringvaart canal.

A notice is to be set up for the benefit of passengers who rub their eyes and just cannot believe it!

FISH IN THE SKY

A plane touched down at the Ukrainian town of Lvov the other day, bringing 1½ million passengers from Warsaw. They were eel fry for the reservoirs and lakes of the Western Ukraine.

Many other fish fry are making similar plane trips as the Soviet Union re-stocks its waterways with food fish of many kinds.

Army Mascot at the Zoo

Men of the 1st Battalion the Royal Hampshire Regiment, while serving in Malaya, found two tiger cubs which had been abandoned by their mother. Rose, seen here, and Nassau, eventually became too big to be kept as pets and are now in the London Zoo.

SIGNED ON THE CEILING

Celebrities who stay at the Penygwryd Hotel, Snowdonia, are invited by proprietor Mr. Christopher Briggs to sign their name on the ceiling of his Everest Room. He already has the autographs of Sir John Hunt and all the members of the Everest team. Among other signatures are those of John Disley and Chris Chataway.

The Everest Room was designed by Mr. Briggs, who is leader of the Snowdon Mountain Rescue Team.

Constructed of spruce logs, it is a faithful reproduction of the interior of an Alpine hut. The lamp shades have the names of notable peaks inscribed on them.

ROBOT PLANE TAKES PICTURES

A radio-controlled aircraft which can take either still or moving pictures "to order" has been developed in the United States.

The RP.71, as it is called, has a wing span of only 12 feet, yet it can fly at nearly 230 m.p.h. Take-off is jet assisted, but the plane is propeller-driven in the air.

As it is launched by catapult, the RP.71 needs no airfield. Having taken its photographs, it is directed back to the launching area, where the operator on the ground stops the engine. A silk parachute then blossoms out and the little machine swings down to earth.

ON THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

THREE men have just climbed Mount Margherita, the highest peak of the Ruwenzori range on the borders of Uganda and the Belgian Congo. And at the summit (16,794 feet high) they planted the Italian flag to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first ascent of these mountains—by that great Italian explorer and mountaineer, the Duke of Abruzzi.

The Ruwenzori are thought to be the legendary Mountains of the Moon which were described as the source of the Nile on maps drawn as long ago as A.D. 160 by the Egyptian geographer, Ptolemy. They were first made known to the modern world, however, by 19th-century explorers, including Sir Henry Stanley and Sir Samuel Baker.

COVERED WITH SALT

Stanley first saw them in 1888, when one of the African boys with him pointed out a mountain range which was "covered with salt." The salt, of course, was snow, for, although the mountains are quite close to the Equator, there is snow near the summit.

It was Stanley who first named them the Ruwenzori, "the place where the rain comes." And an appropriate title it is, for the annual rainfall of 180 inches a year makes the district among the wettest places in the world. This rainfall combines with the heat of the Equator to make the vegetation grow to fantastic heights.

Parsley grows to six feet, elephant grass to 15 feet, and groundsel as high as 30 feet.

Early attempts to climb the peaks were defeated, largely because they are so often shrouded in mist. But in 1906 the Duke of Abruzzi set out determined not to fail. He spared no expense or effort to ensure success and was assisted by two experienced Alpine guides and over a hundred porters. Altogether he climbed 16 peaks, giving the highest group the name of Stanley and the highest of its twin peaks that of Margherita, after the Queen of Italy.

LEOPARD IN THE CAMP

The climbing of Margherita required all his skill and daring as a mountaineer. He and his guides had to overcome glaciers, crevasses, and morasses, not to mention a leopard which walked into a base camp one morning.

In 1953 the last two unclimbed peaks in the range were conquered. They were named Elizabeth and Philip, and a nearby glacier was named Coronation Glacier.

SUSSEX SCHOOLBOYS' BIG JOB

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vision of two experienced instructors and the county architects' department. This scheme has, however, met with criticism on the grounds of possible risk to the boys.

An alternative idea is that the money allotted by the education committee for a new assembly hall in 1957 should be used towards building the nave of the chapel. It could be adapted, as needed, either for worship or for use as an assembly hall. This suggestion is now being considered by the education authorities.

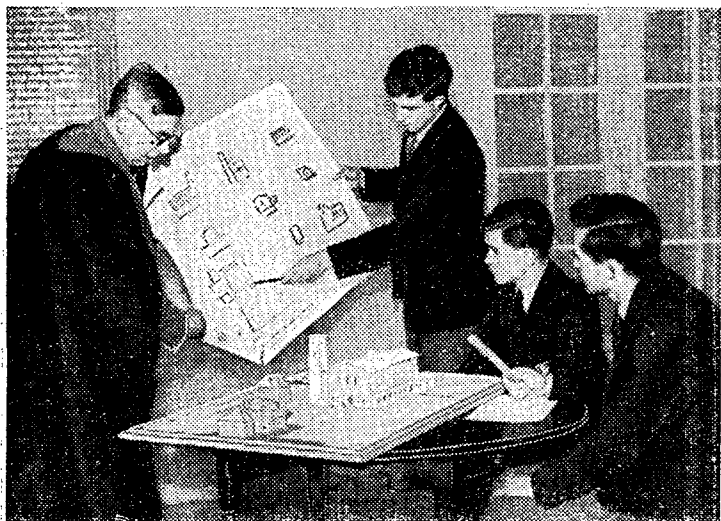
If Mr. Bradshaw and his boys are disappointed at the idea of this compromise, they console themselves with the thought that it

would be practical for other State schools to follow this example and have an assembly hall built also as a chapel.

"The greater good . . ." says Mr. Bradshaw, a little wistfully.

Time is short. It is only a matter of months before the decision to merge the chapel project with the assembly hall will have to be finally made. With so much money still needed it seems at the moment to be the only practical solution.

Yet it will be a thousand pities if the Lewes County Grammar School Memorial Chapel, as originally planned, does not rise as a just reward of effort and as an enduring monument to faith and hope.



The headmaster discussing points with three prefects

Forced landing on a submarine

A Sikorsky S-58 helicopter, some 30 miles out at sea south of Key West, Florida, developed a mechanical fault which prevented it from reaching land. News of the impending "ditching" was flashed to the U.S. Navy's air sea rescue service, and all available craft were ordered to the area.

The helicopter crew waited hopefully for the arrival of a surface vessel with sufficient deck area to permit a safe landing.

Their hopes were beginning to appear in vain when a submarine surfaced almost beneath them. Hastily the submarine's crew cleared their after-deck of all removable obstructions. A quick radio discussion between the helicopter crew and the submarine skipper revealed that the submarine's deck was only two inches wider than the width of the helicopter's undercarriage. But with one of the submarine's officers guiding the pilot, the helicopter was gradually eased down to a successful landing.

Two hours later the submarine entered Key West harbour with the S-58 still on her deck.

Making friends



The long-legged baby llama at Whipsnade Zoo is quite willing to make new friends.

NEW WORDS FOR OLD

It is always exciting to handle a brand-new dictionary, and Collins New English Dictionary is one which merits a special word of praise. Letter writers and crossword enthusiasts alike will find it invaluable, not to mention strugglers with homework.

Many words no longer in use have been left out to make room for modern terms like Smog and Fan (defined as a devoted admirer). Even the colloquial "wizard" (meaning excellent or marvellous), and "cheerio" (an informal farewell) have their place here. Pronunciation—a pitfall to so many—is made quite clear.

For extra measure there are a number of illustrations, together with a 32-page atlas in colour, and sections giving common foreign phrases, the meanings of Christian names, forms of address, and other useful information.

This dictionary really is "new." It costs 21s., and it would be hard to find a better guinea's worth.

News from Everywhere

Fossils of fish which lived in Chinese waters 300 million years ago have been found near Nanking.

ON PRINCIPLE

The Mayor of St. Louis, U.S., was unable to attend a recent dinner of dentists. He had tooth-ache.

A helicopter has made three landings in the crater of Ngauruhoe, an active volcano in New Zealand. The flights were made by scientists to record tremors.

MILLIONS OF TIMES

TIM, the talking clock, still keeps busy. In London it has given the time on 549,638,000 occasions since it was started 20 years ago—nearly once every second, day and night.

A farmer near Perth, Western Australia, recently picked a lemon 19 inches in circumference and weighing 34 ounces.

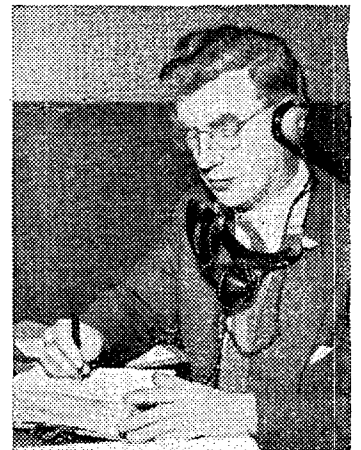
THEIR MOTTO

America has just passed a Bill adopting "In God We Trust" as a motto. The phrase has been in use on their coins for 90 years.

The 23,800-foot Himalayan peak called Muztagh Tower has been scaled for the first time by a British team. The last 2000 feet of the peak are almost vertical.

A television camera and transmitter weighing only 19 lb. has

The score by phone



A telephone Test Match score system operates in London and some northern towns and cities. The latest scores from the ground are passed on to one of the exchange operators, who makes a tape recording of them for the benefit of enquirers. Here we see Test scores being received at the Holborn Telephone Exchange in London.

been built in the United States. It can operate for five hours on batteries.

The tail wheel of a Spitfire shot down during the Battle of Britain has been recovered intact near Canterbury.

The United Kingdom's seven-millionth telephone has been installed at Cardiff.

Britain has 532,388 Boy Scouts—more than ever before.

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GARDEN AMID THE GLACIERS

Amid the glaciers and mountains on the borders of British Columbia and the Yukon is an English garden which has become a great attraction for tourists. It enshrines the memory of an English couple who, after many disappointments, found solace in laying out a garden like the ones they had known in their youth.

Having inherited a small fortune, Otto Partridge, a Hertfordshire man, emigrated to California and became a fruit farmer. Then, in the great gold rush towards the end of the 19th century, he and his wife moved north to the Yukon and invested their money in a mining venture.

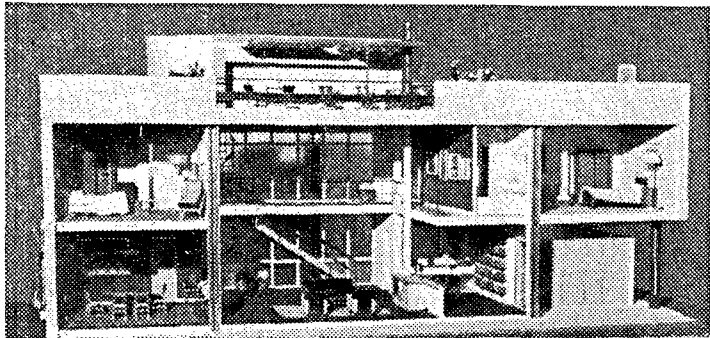
All went well until a rock slide buried the mine. It was a bitter blow, but they still had enough money to live on, and they decided to stay on in this northern land; to live there in peace among the

glorious mountain scenery, but to make their own corner of it a garden that would forever be a reminder of their homeland far away.

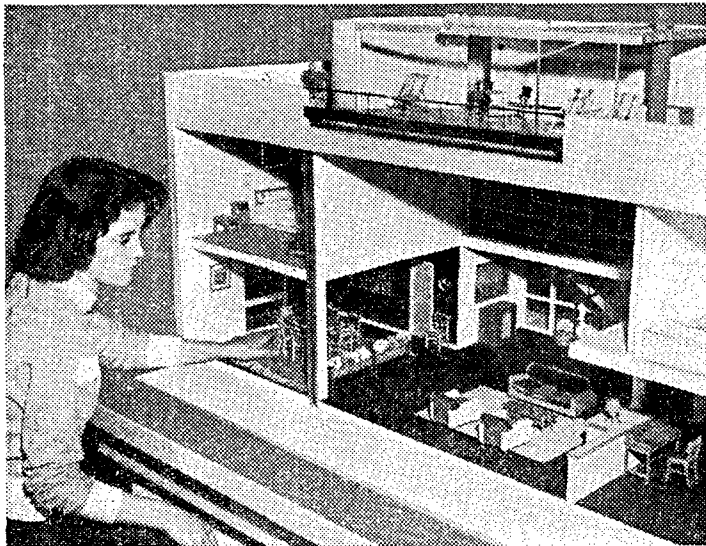
They built a home at the end of a lake and called it Ben-My-Chree, and there they laid out their English garden. The flowers bloomed well in the endless northern summer sunlight, and at Ben-My-Chree the Partridges kept an ever-open door. Their kindness and hospitality became a byword throughout the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Partridge passed on a quarter of a century ago. But Ben-My-Chree and the garden where delphiniums grow ten feet high are still there, maintained by a railway company as a fragrant memory of two English people who loved a garden and were at their happiest when sharing all its beauty with others.

Doll's House for a Princess



A London furniture firm has presented this magnificent doll's house to Princess Anne. The building is three feet high and over five feet long. One of its most attractive features is a kitchen with running water, electric cooker, washing machine, and refrigerator.



LOOK OUT FOR PIGEONS

A road traffic sign, "Caution! Pigeons!", has recently appeared in a Moscow street. It has a picture of two white pigeons in a black triangle, surrounded by a yellow circle.

Some time ago a Moscow schoolboy, Yura Vainshtein, happened to see one of these pigeons knocked down by a passing car. He took it home and tenderly nursed it back to health. Later he wrote a letter to a youth paper:

"I love pigeons," it ran. "They are not only beautiful birds, but a symbol of peace. Yet some of our careless drivers run over them."

As a result the Traffic Control Department erected the sign.

NEVER ABSENT, NEVER LATE

Brian John Haigh is an 11-year-old Yorkshire boy with a proud record. He has been a pupil at Horkinstone village school ever since he was three, and in all those eight years was never absent nor late. To mark his achievement at Horkinstone he has been presented with a certificate.

There was just one slight flaw in Brian's record. It had been expected that he would complete his eight years without missing a day, but he went down with mumps a month before the end of the term. Nevertheless, the award was made just the same, the certificate being altered to read "From June 28, 1948 to June 19, 1956—never absent, never late."

RESIDENCE FOR SPARROWS

Sparrows have moved into the Lamp Room at Elliott's Colliery, New Tredegar, Monmouthshire.

It is a high building, with the glazed section of the roof raised above the rest by means of ventilation slats. Through these slats the sparrows have found their way, and now their busy chirping above the clanging and hissing noises of a large colliery can be heard. All day long, as the attendants examine the safety lamps for the colliers, the little birds are coming and going with their families.

One of the attendants is sharing his lunches with them, and they are now tame enough to feed from his hand.

AFRICAN SALUTE

Just over 50 years ago the fighting Ngoni tribe of Nyasaland laid down their arms and agreed to accept British rule and protection. Now the tribe has reaffirmed its loyalty at a great gathering held at almost the same spot on Mount Hora where the Union Jack was first hoisted.

The climax of this ceremony was the Ngoni royal salute, accorded to the Governor of Nyasaland, Sir Robert Armitage, as the Queen's representative. This was chanted in a loud voice by a chief, and as it was taken up by the assembled warriors, it echoed round the foothills of the majestic mountain.

A MUSICAL LIFE ON THE OCEAN WAVE

Aboard H.M.S. Kenya is a young man from Farnworth, Lancashire, whose love of music is giving him a wonderful life of travel abroad.

Eighteen-year-old Ian Shawcross joined the Navy four years ago as a boy musician, and plays the cornet with the Royal Marines Military Band and a trumpet with the Dance section.

Among the places he has visited are Bermuda, the West Indies, and North and South America.

PRESERVING FOOD BY RADIATION

Some scientists consider that in future it may be possible to preserve meat and other foodstuffs by means of atomic radiation.

The food would be placed in air-tight plastic containers and then exposed to radio-active substances. This would sterilise the food by killing the germs which cause decay.

But a great deal of experimental work has still to be done before it is known whether the food would be safe to eat.

SHARKS VISIT CORNWALL

The Sharp-nosed Mackerel Shark, or Mako, has been officially identified as a visitor to British waters. Experts have examined two specimens caught off Looe in Cornwall last year.

The Mako ranges widely through the warmer parts of Atlantic, preying upon shoals of fish. But holiday-makers have little to fear, as it is not known to attack man.



Windmill landmark

On the Downs above Elham Valley between Canterbury and Dover stands the old Black Mill of Barham. Kent County Council have made a grant for its restoration.

ABORIGINE GIRL FOR UNIVERSITY

A 16-year-old girl named Margaret Williams will make history next year when she becomes the first Aborigine to enter an Australian University.

Now a pupil at Casino High School in New South Wales, Margaret will go to the Queensland University with a scholarship sponsored by the National Union of Australian University students.

TWEED FOR THE QUEEN

Mrs. R. MacDonald and Mrs. Alex MacDonald have been chosen to weave lengths of Harris tweed to be presented to the Queen when she visits the island next week. The tweed will be a gift from the islanders.

Some 5½ million yards of Harris tweed comes off the handlooms each year, and it is, in fact, among our best dollar earners. Although sheep-raising has declined in the Outer Hebrides, the demand for Harris tweed continues to increase, and the 1600 handlooms of the crofters are kept busy.

The definition of the cloth as laid down by the Board of Trade is:

"A tweed made from pure virgin wool produced in Scotland, spun, dyed, and finished in the Outer Hebrides and handwoven by the islanders at their own homes in the Islands of Lewis and Harris, Uist, Barra, and their several purlenances, and all known as the Outer Hebrides."

BULB ISLAND

A successful experiment in bulb-growing may bring a new industry to the island of Tiree, in the Hebrides.

Flowers and growth from the Tiree tulip bulbs, forced in Lanarkshire, have equalled Dutch bulbs in vigour, cleanliness, size, and quality.

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RADIO AND TV

THE INSIDE STORY OF SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

Keeping in touch

DAVID DAVIS—David of BBC Children's Hour—is off in three weeks' time to South Africa. He tells me he has been awarded a bursary by the Bureau of International Relations enabling him to spend three months in the Union with the idea of meeting as many people as possible and enlarging his ideas.

Many young listeners, I told him, would be missing his voice



David Davis

in the coming weeks. But David, determined not to lose touch with his radio friends over here, mentioned that he has specially recorded a number of programmes which will be spread over the time while he is away. One is a complete eight-part serial by E. Nesbit—The Would-Be-Goods.

First-aid quiz.

A SCOUT, a Guide, a Life Girl, and a boy in an Ambulance Brigade are among those taking part in a first-aid quiz in next Saturday's Children's Hour. The teams represent the BBC North Region and Northern Ireland.

With appreciation

A DROP of 24 per cent in the sale of sound radio sets for the first five months of this year, compared with last year's figures, is mentioned in a report sent to me by the Radio Equipment Manufacturers' Association.

A BBC official may have had this in mind when she called recently at a farm to buy eggs. From the wide-open door the radio was blaring forth.

"I'm so pleased you still appreciate sound radio," she said.

"Oh, it's not us," came the reply. "It's the cows. We only have it on at milking time."

Mountaineering memories

WHO better could there be to talk about Memorable Mountain Climbs than Brigadier Sir John Hunt, Sir Edmund Hillary, and George Lowe? All members of the famous Everest expedition in 1953, they will be heard discussing this subject with F. Spencer Chapman in Children's Hour on Friday. This is a special version of their original broadcast last September.

BBC Television is to make amends for one of the biggest disappointments in the history of outside broadcasting. This was the Saturday Night Out on the top of Snowdon in June, when the famous view was completely blotted out by mist.

Producer Peter Webber tells me, however, that his team stayed on the mountain all night, and were rewarded next day with such glorious sunshine and so clear an expanse that a telerecording was made for subsequent use.

The chance occurs this week, when part of this stored-up broadcast will be shown in a special

Saturday Night Out which should really be called Saturday Night In. The idea is to show us the inside story of how "SNO," as it is called, is brought to the screen.

The first rule of Saturday Night Out is that it must be mainly live. Film is used very sparingly, usually only in places where it is impossible to accommodate an ordinary TV camera. This difficulty is being overcome, too, with the tiny vidicon camera which was used to give periscope views recently from a submarine. The vidicon, still in the experimental stage, will be shown in action next Saturday.

The story of Bess of Hardwick

BESS OF HARDWICK was one of the most romantic women figures of Elizabethan times. Her story will be told in the first of two historical programmes in this week's BBC Television.

This Wednesday evening the TV cameras will visit Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, where the initials E.S. on the battlements are a reminder that Bess began life as Elizabeth Shrewsbury, daughter of a country squire. She spent her girlhood at Hardwick, and when she

inherited it transformed the place into the superb mansion we can see today. In the Great Drawing Room and Long Gallery viewers will see portraits of Bess and her family.

On Friday the cameras will move to the ancient county town of Warwick, almost at the very centre of England. Philip Donnellan, a radio feature producer who lives in the town, has written its story for TV. Viewers will tour the castle as well as the town.

Crack shot and gallant knights



Gale Davis in a scene from the new Western cowgirl series

ANNIE OAKLEY was said to be the greatest woman shot in the world. Played by Gale Davis, she is coming to the children's programmes in Associated Television on Saturday afternoons next month in the first Western film series in which the "cowboy" hero is a woman.

TIME SAVER

Leeds University is to instal a £50,000 electronic computer.

Up till now research workers there have been making use of a computer at Manchester University, but are now expected to have their own by this autumn. The apparatus can work out in a few days calculations which would otherwise take months.

FOR SAFER CYCLING

Everyone who buys a child's cycle in Sheffield now gets an envelope containing a copy of the Highway Code and two letters. One is a letter to the child from the Sheffield Accident Prevention Council; the other is addressed to the parents from the City's Chief Constable, Mr. G. E. Scott, who is secretary of the council.



Young Danes at the Tower

Four members of Prince George's Guard, a Danish youth band, meet one of the Yeomen Warders at the Tower of London. The boys' costume is a replica of the uniform worn by Prince George of Denmark's Regiment, which was disbanded in 1721.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Scots King's narrow escape

AUGUST 5, 1600. PERTH—Strange rumours are circulating through this Scots town tonight following the story of an alleged attempt on the life of King James VI of Scots, and the death of the supposed traitors, John, Earl of Gowrie, and his brother, Alexander, Master of Gowrie.

The story of the assassination plot, as reported by King James, is that the 20-year-old Alexander arrived at Falkland Palace early this morning just as the King was mounting his horse to go hunting.

Alexander told His Majesty that he had captured a mysterious Highlander in Perth with a large pot of gold, and asked the King to come to Gowrie House in Perth to discover the stranger's identity.

After the hunt, the King rode off towards Perth. The Master of Gowrie had asked the King to go without attendants and in secrecy, but several of the King's attendants followed him.

Within a mile of Perth the young Master of Gowrie rode on ahead to Gowrie House to tell his brother, the Earl, of the King's approach.

At Gowrie House the King was given dinner, and then led upstairs by Alexander, the young man locking each door behind him as they went to meet the stranger.

At last, the story goes, they reached a room where there was a man with a dagger. Alexander seized the dagger and held it to the King's breast, threatening to stab him if he uttered a cry.

The King managed to get to a window and cry for help. Sir John Ramsay, one of the King's attendants, gained access to the room and stabbed Alexander.

The Earl now appeared. He attempted to stab the King and was killed on the spot.

The 22-year-old Earl, a brilliant scholar who became Provost of Perth when only 14 and an M.A. of Edinburgh University at 15, was very popular in the town, and rumours contradicting the official account of today's incident are circulating throughout the town.

It is pointed out that the King owed the young nobleman no less than £80,000, and the Earl had been asking for financial assistance from the King.

England welcomes King Henry

AUGUST 6, 1100. WESTMINSTER—Messengers from the court of King Henry, crowned King of England in Westminster Abbey yesterday, are today carrying news of the King's accession throughout a rejoicing country.

The shouts of joy which greeted his crowning yesterday are being echoed in every place where his succession to his brother, William II, "William Rufus," is proclaimed.

King Henry swore at yesterday's ceremony that he would restore peace to the church and the people, and last night set his seal to a new Charter forbidding the evil and tyrannous customs introduced by his brother.

The Charter declares that the "law of King Edward" together with the amendments made by the new King's father, King William—the Norman Duke who conquered England 34 years ago—is to be the law of the realm.

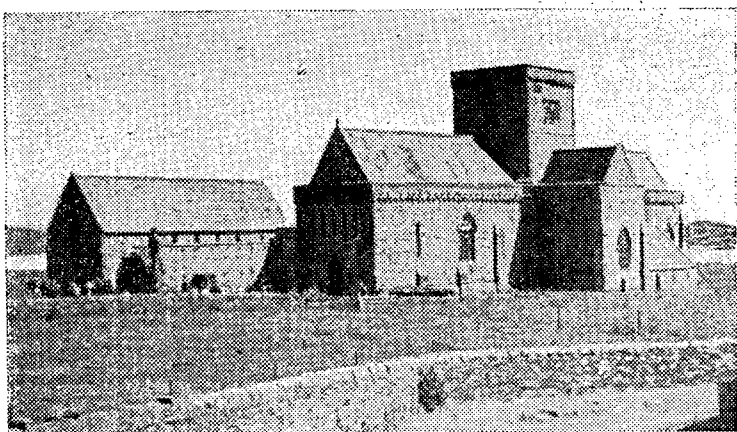
The new King is 32 years old, of middle height, broad-chested, and powerfully built. He has thick black hair and kindly eyes. He is of a cheerful disposition, and lives simply, caring little what he eats or drinks.

The joyful English are already describing him as the Lion of Justice foretold by Merlin, the Welsh wizard, whose prophecies have been handed down from father to son for generations.

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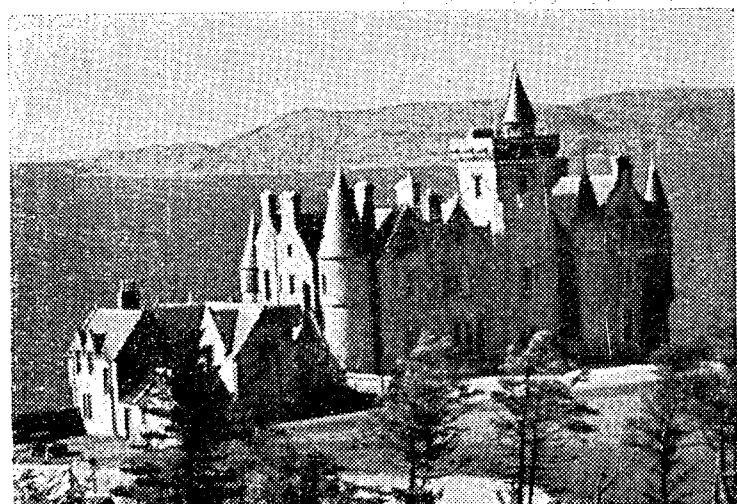
OVER THE SEA TO THE WESTERN ISLES



The Queen will call first at Iona, cradle of Christianity and royal isle. Near the cathedral (shown here) are the graves of many early Scottish, Irish, and Norwegian kings. The Hebrides were once under Viking rule



Across Loch Scavaig, a sea inlet of the south-west coast of Skye, is a grand view of the Cuillin peaks



Glengorm Castle on the north coast of Mull, opposite Ardnamurchan Point

NEXT week, in the royal yacht Britannia, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to tour the Hebrides, or Western Isles of Scotland.

They will pass through romantic, magical scenes, where intricate patterns of sea and coastline are fringed with great crags of mountains, or with moorland and the heather all aglow; where the very sea itself is constantly changing colour as the clouds pass overhead and is broken by rocks and islets, each with their own tints; where sunsets are of breathtaking beauty.

The Britannia is due to leave Barrow-in-Furness on Sunday (August 12) and cruise through the North Channel, between Ireland and Scotland, to reach the holy island of Iona. Next day there is to be a call at Oban, on the Argyllshire mainland, and then the crossing of the beautiful Firth of Lorne to the mountainous Isle of Mull.

On Tuesday the royal yacht will speed northward again "like a bird on the wing" to Skye, where the mighty Cuillin range looks out across the Sea of the Hebrides. On the far side, Barra is the next stopping place, then the neighbouring islands of South Uist and Benbecula. Northward again, the ship reaches North Uist and Harris on Friday, and Lewis, most northerly of all, on Saturday, August 18. From there it is a day's voyage round Cape Wrath to Leith, and the end of the voyage.



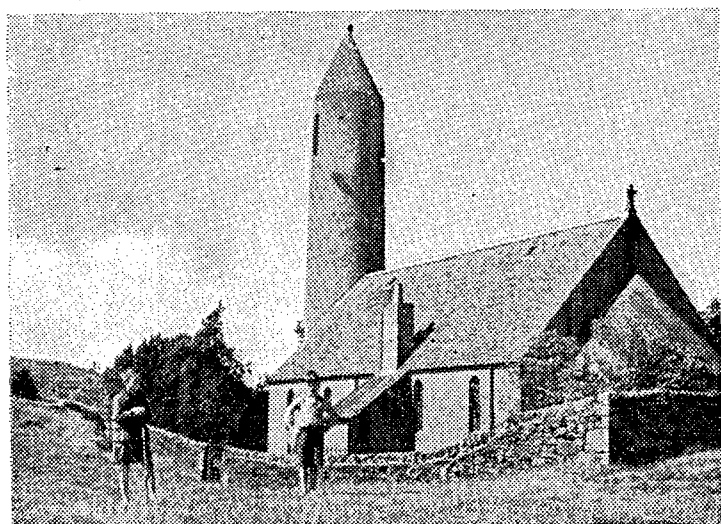
A ploughman on Lewis, largest and most northerly of the Outer Hebrides



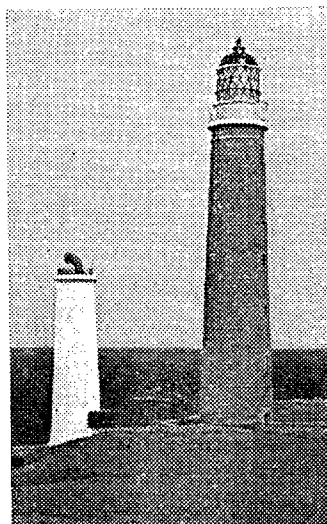
One of the old kind of heather-thatched cottages on Skye



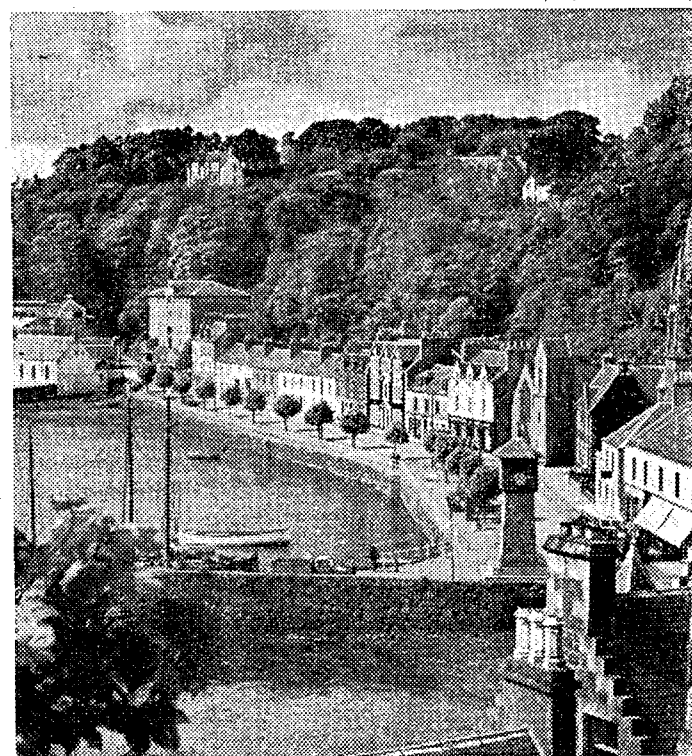
Pony transport on Barra and hand-spinning for the famous tweed of Harris



Church at Dervaig, at the head of Loch Cuan, on the Isle of Mull



On the Butt (north point) of Lewis



Tobermory, romantic little port on the Sound of Mull

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WORTH MORE THAN GOLD

WHEN the sluice gates of a new dam in New Zealand were about to be closed recently, many people hurried to be near the bed of the river below, the Clutha. They were confident that gold would be revealed in its alluvial sands; in days gone by prospectors had made fortunes there.

But the level of the water did not drop as much as expected and no outstanding finds were made. Laughing at their disappointment, the gold-seekers retired to the river banks to enjoy a picnic in the sunshine, golden health-giving sunshine worth more than all the gold in the world.

WEATHER TROUBLES

MOST of us know what it is to leave home with a raincoat only to find the day turn out to be fine and dry. All of us know what it is to leave home without a raincoat and return in a downpour.

But other people have their weather troubles, too. During a prolonged heat wave that greatly increased the danger of forest fires, four big lumber firms in British Columbia clubbed together and spent 40,000 dollars on rain-making machines. Rain immediately began to fall—without any man-made assistance.

Britain is not the only land where the weather can be contrary.

The Editor's Table

FROM ENGLAND'S HEART

IT is a long way from Shakespeare's county to the troubled island of Cyprus. But wherever duty calls the British police officer is never found wanting; so when Lt.-Col. G. C. White, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, was asked to assume command of the Cyprus Police Force he willingly accepted the task.

During his two years in Cyprus reorganising the island's police force, Lt.-Col. White will often be thinking of the folk at home.

"Warwickshire is the heart of England," he says, "and we who have the privilege to police it keep our finger on the pulse. It beats true and strong."

For their part, Warwickshire folk will wish their Chief Constable well in his difficult task and look forward to the day when he is once again in charge of England's heart.

Think on These Things

AS Peter and John were going into the Temple in Jerusalem a lame beggar asked them for money.

Peter replied, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3. 6).

Instantly the beggar got up and followed the disciples, leaping and walking to show that he was really cured.

The disciples had no doubt at all that they must obey the command of Jesus not only to preach and teach, but also to heal the sick as Jesus had done.

Likewise, the Christian Church has work to do in helping the suffering. As Christians we must pray for the sick. We lift our prayers to Jesus, the great physician, so that His healing power can help them.

O. R. C.

L for longwinded

IF you wish to praise your old school, do it briefly.

Mr. H. P. Wood, a guest at Hamilton (Lanarkshire) Academy prize-giving, told this story about an American who used to talk about his old university at every available opportunity.

At a lunch one day he rose to his feet and said: "Y-A-L-E." Then he spoke for 15 minutes on Y for youth, 15 minutes on A for ambition, 20 minutes on L for loyalty, and half-an-hour on E for enthusiasm.

Just as he was sitting down, a voice at the back was heard to say: "Thank goodness he didn't go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology."

Adventure ahead



Michael Blower, son of the late Tom Blower, the Channel swimmer, set off recently on a three-year journey round the world. Driving his small three-wheeled car, Michael will make first for Calcutta, where he hopes to earn enough money to continue his adventure.

JUST AN IDEA

As Dr. Johnson wrote: Money and Time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

THEY SAY...

IMPROPERLY driven, a car is just as dangerous as firing a cannon down the road.

Mr. Justice Oliver

SOME people are saying that the theatre is dying. They have been saying so since the days of Greece.

Miss Yvonne Arnaud

WE all know the phrase "save for a rainy day." I would rather say "save for a sunny day."

Sir Anthony Eden

A DOCTOR is not judged on whether the medicine tastes nasty but on whether it cures the patient.

Rt. Hon. John Boyd-Carpenter

QUIZ CORNER

1. Which is England's longest cathedral?
2. What does the phrase "a chip of the old block" mean?
3. Why does a dog turn round before lying down for the night?
4. What is the opposite of "not in"?
5. How many pieces are there in a set of dominoes, and how many spots?
6. How far is the light from the Eddystone Lighthouse visible, and how does it flash?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

WHERE a stretch of reddish-purple heather ends and the turf sweeps up to the edge of the cliffs the sun-warmed air holds delicate perfumes.

You cannot mistake the sweet smell of thyme, or its clustered mauve flowerets growing on rather long stalks above the turf. The stalks gain strength by being square instead of round, as they are thin for their length.

Just as noticeable is the smell of the bee-haunted flowering heather which will soon be at its best ever in the North. We know heather-honey is good, so perhaps it is right if the flowers seem to smell like honey to us.

C. D. D.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, August 14, 1926

EASTER and Whitsuntide, we hope, are no longer to go dodging about over March and April. They are to be permanently fixed, and the League of Nations is going to do the fixing.

One of the League's Commissions was asked four years ago to go into the matter. The definite recommendation is now made that Easter Sunday should be the second Sunday in April every year, and Whit Sunday, of course, seven weeks later.

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Next Week's Birthdays

August 12

Sir Alfred Gilbert (1854-1934). Sculptor. Many well-known public monuments are his work, but the most famous is Eros, the memorial to Lord Shaftesbury in Piccadilly Circus, known the world over as a symbol of London.

August 13

Alfred Hitchcock (1899). Film producer. In the 1930s he became one of the foremost British producers. Some of his films, such as *The Thirty-Nine Steps* and *The Lady Vanishes*, have become classics of the cinema and are frequently revived.

August 14

Charles Hutton (1737-1823). Mathematician. He was the youngest son of a miner and worked in the pits himself until he was 18 when he became a schoolmaster. Five years later he opened a school in Newcastle. He became a celebrated mathematician and was chosen by the Royal Society to carry out experiments to find the density of the Earth.

August 15

Wendy Hiller (1912). Actress. Her career started with the Manchester Repertory Company and her reputation was made first by her portrayal of Sally Hardcastle in *Love on the Dole*, which she played in London and New York, and then as Eliza Doolittle in the film version of Shaw's *Pygmalion*.

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August 16

Georgette Heyer (1902). Novelist. She usually takes historical subjects as her theme. Most often they deal with England in Regency times, as with *The Quiet Gentleman* and *Friday's Child*.

August 17

David Crockett (1786-1836). A simple hunter and trapper in Tennessee who eventually was elected to the American House of Representatives. His name is now known to every British boy because of a recent film.

August 18

Basil Cameron (1884). Conductor. Studied the violin under the great Joachim and played in some of the big symphony orchestras. This was invaluable experience when he became a conductor.

Well known both on the Continent and in the U.S.A., he is again directing many of this season's Promenade Concerts.



OUR HOMELAND

Cricket in a beautiful setting in the Staffordshire village of Wombourn

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NEW FILMS

HERO OF THE AIR AND BABY AT SEA

The life-story of a great hero of the last war is told in the film *Reach for the Sky*, adapted from the book by Paul Brickhill.

It tells a wonderful tale of bravery and determination; and it is all true. A few details have been changed to make it easier for the story to be told in a film, but all the important parts of it are there as they really happened.

It is the story of Douglas Bader—who is still alive—from his first days in the R.A.F. He was a lively young man, always passionately keen on flying, and at first—like so many young people—inclined to show off. He could not resist a "dare" to display his skill, and the result was a dreadful crash in which he lost both his legs.

Such an accident would have made most people give up for ever

the beginning, even to learn to stand up. The surgeon at first would not believe that he would ever walk again without the help of a stick. But Bader refused to be beaten; nothing would satisfy him except to fly an aeroplane again.

And, of course, he succeeded. His exploits are a part of the history of the war. We see how he led a squadron in the Battle of Britain, how he was captured after having to bale out over Occupied France, and his attempted escape.

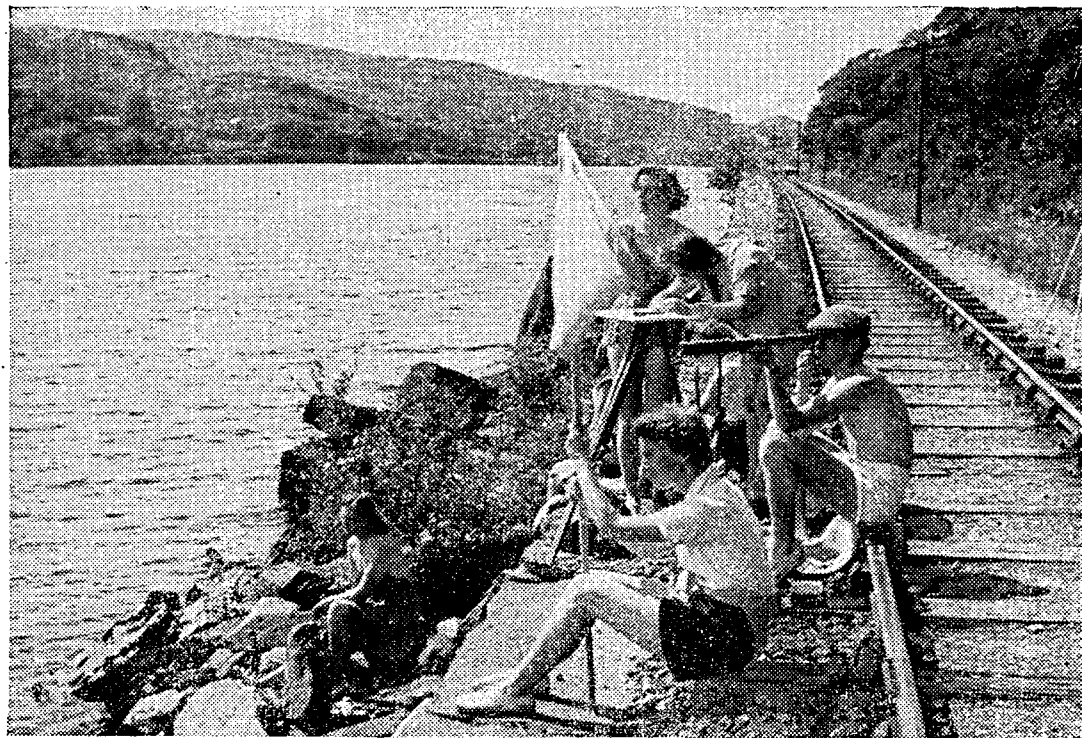
Kenneth More plays the part of Douglas Bader, and very well he shows the development of the cheerful young athlete into the grim, determined fighting man. There are many other good performances, too; notice particularly Dorothy Alison as a sensitive young nurse who looks after Bader in hospital.

ANOTHER new film is about one of the other fighting Services—but not in wartime. This one, as you may judge from the title, *The Baby and the Battleship*, is just meant to make you laugh.

It begins with two sailors on shore leave in Naples, where one of them is asked to look after an Italian baby for a while, and—it would take too long to explain exactly why and how—finds he has to hide it on board the ship when he returns.

The ship sails on a Naval exercise before he can take the baby back, and so there are very funny goings-on when he and his friends have to keep it hidden from the officers. An extra complication is that there is a visiting foreign Marshal inspecting the ship, and often the baby is snatched out of sight just before he and his party come along. But, as you will see in the film, all ends satisfactorily.

John Mills and Richard Attenborough are very amusing as the two Cockney sailors, and the wonderfully good-tempered baby is Martyn Garrett.



Plotting the rowing course

Geography students from Manchester University have been surveying Lake Padarn, in North Wales, which is to be used for the rowing events in the 1958 Empire Games. Soundings of the depth are taken from a canoe while the shore party plots the position of each sounding. Thus the most suitable course can be worked out.

Atomic locomotives are on the way

For years engineers have dreamed of building a locomotive powered by nuclear energy—one capable of operating at high speeds over long distances, of pulling tremendous loads, and which would need refuelling only every few months.

Now that dream is nearly a reality. In the United States design studies for such an engine have already been completed, and one American senator has presented a Bill in the U.S. Congress calling for the atom-loco to be built as early as possible.

FOUR-FOOT-THICK COVERING

What will it look like—and how will it work? The first locomotive will almost certainly resemble the average present-day diesel types. It will be no heavier and no longer, but it is expected that there will be a slight bulge half-way along the engine where a four-foot-thick steel housing sheaths the reactor to prevent the radioactive rays from reaching the train's crew.

The principle on which the atom-loco works is relatively simple. Heat from the nuclear reactor converts water into steam which drives a turbo generator. Electricity developed by the generator then drives a motor which turns the locomotive wheels. After operating the turbine, the steam is condensed into water again and returned to the reactor for re-use.

American railway experts predict that the first atomic locomotive can be in operation by 1960.

HELI-TAXIS IN URUGUAY

The Government of Uruguay has approved plans for a helicopter mail service and heli-taxis in Monte Video. "Heli-ports" are to be built on the roofs of the tallest buildings of the capital

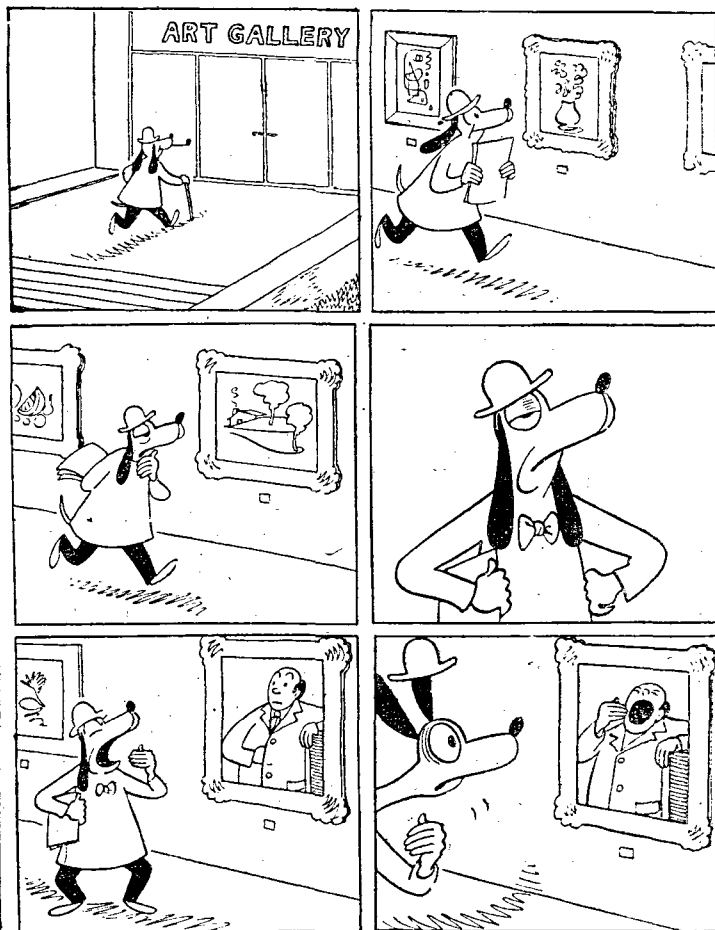
HE WOKE UP AND THERE STOOD A LION

Two Rhodesian farmer brothers, Alan and Ivan Willis, have had a hair-raising adventure with a lion.

On being told that a lion had killed some of their bullocks, they set out on a four-hour trek to the scene, found the dead animals, and sat down nearby to await the return of the lion. Wrapping themselves in their blankets to keep warm, they unwittingly dozed off.

Alan awoke suddenly to see a huge lion standing over his brother and let out a yell which caused the animal to back away, growling. Seizing his rifle, he then shot it. But it was a near thing for the brothers.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (4)



Waiting for the order to take off in the autumn of 1940—a scene from *Reach for the Sky*

the idea of flying—but not Douglas Bader. He was determined to get back into the air, although everybody was expecting him to retire into civilian life, or at least to a "desk job" in the R.A.F. He set to work to learn to use his artificial legs (he called them his "tin legs") until he was able to use them almost as well as real ones.

It was a tremendous, heart-breaking job. We see how he spent weeks and months getting used to his new legs. He had, of course, to begin again right from

the beginning, even to learn to stand up. The surgeon at first would not believe that he would ever walk again without the help of a stick. But Bader refused to be beaten; nothing would satisfy him except to fly an aeroplane again.

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WELSH CHOIR IN GERMANY

A section of the Colwyn Bay Girls' Choir is now in Germany on another youth concert exchange. Last year a section went to Holland and, to return the compliment, a Dutch choir is now on a visit to Colwyn Bay and will give concerts at the Pier Pavilion.

While in Germany the Welsh choir will sing at the International Youth Congress in Bielefeld. Performers will wear traditional costumes.

The choir took a message of goodwill from the Mayor of Colwyn Bay, to the Burgomaster of Bielefeld.

LOWEST BID GETS THE JOB

Men now cleaning the dykes and drains around the Lincolnshire village of Saltfleetby All Saints secured their jobs by the custom of "dyke-letting" which has now been maintained there for about 300 years.

This old custom involves the holding of a kind of Dutch auction in which the men who offer the lowest bid—that is, are willing to do the work for the lowest price—get the job. The method was once general in other parts of the country, but this is thought to be the only place where it is still continued.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR MOHAMMEDANS

On Wednesday, August 8, more than 200 million Mohammedans the world over will greet one another with "Happy New Year."

In the Christian world dates are reckoned according to B.C. and A.D. Mohammedans reckon time from the day when the Prophet Mohammed fled from his birth-place, Mecca, to the friendly city of Medina, in Arabia, and there established what has become one of the great religions of the world.

The Arabic word for this important event in the Prophet's life is "hijra," which we sometimes find written in our English books as "hejira." So on August 8, their New Year's Day, Mohammedans will put a new calendar on their walls with "A.H. 1376" printed on top, the A.H. standing for Anno Hegira—"the Year of the Flight"—and dating back to the first Mohammedan New Year, which corresponds to July 16, A.D. 622. (The mean length of a Hegira year is 354½ days.)

SAD EVENT

Unfortunately, the gladness of this New Year's Day is clouded by the memory of a sad event, when a few years after the Prophet's death his two grandsons, Hasan and Husain, were murdered in the struggle as to who should succeed in the prophetic line or khalifate.

In many Mohammedan countries, especially in Pakistan, the killing of these two young men is commemorated by a dramatic representation of their death. Imitation tombs are constructed of tinsel and black cloth and placed beside widely-dug ditches. Young men and old fill the trenches with wood and make a fire. They then have a sham fight with wooden swords across the fire, mimicking the battle in which their two heroes died.

When the "fighting" is over the crowd take the imitation tombs and throw them into the river to portray the terrible thirst and sufferings of the martyred young men.

BOWLING FOR HIS SCHOOL AT CLEVEDON (SOMERSET)
A BOY OF 10 TOOK 7 WICKETS WITH CONSECUTIVE DELIVERIES...

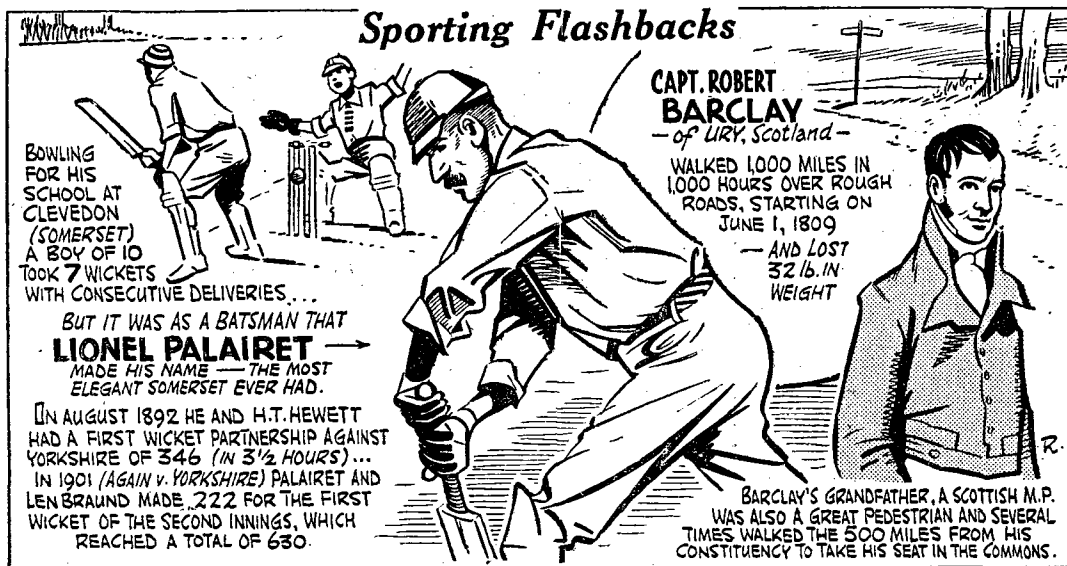
BUT IT WAS AS A BATSMAN THAT LIONEL PALAIRET MADE HIS NAME—THE MOST ELEGANT SOMERSET EVER HAD.

IN AUGUST 1892 HE AND H.T. HEWETT HAD A FIRST WICKET PARTNERSHIP AGAINST YORKSHIRE OF 346 (IN 3½ HOURS)... IN 1901 (AGAIN V. YORKSHIRE) PALAIRET AND LEN BRAUND MADE 222 FOR THE FIRST WICKET OF THE SECOND INNINGS, WHICH REACHED A TOTAL OF 630.

CAPT. ROBERT BARCLAY
—of URY, Scotland—

WALKED 1,000 MILES IN 1,000 HOURS OVER ROUGH ROADS, STARTING ON JUNE 1, 1809 —AND LOST 32 lb. IN WEIGHT

BARCLAY'S GRANDFATHER, A SCOTTISH M.P. WAS ALSO A GREAT PEDESTRIAN AND SEVERAL TIMES WALKED THE 500 MILES FROM HIS CONSTITUENCY TO TAKE HIS SEAT IN THE COMMONS.



COLD-BLOODED BUT FASCINATING COMPANY

Thousands of boys and girls who have enjoyed Mr. Maxwell Knight's BBC broadcasts will welcome his new book. It is called *Instructions to Young Naturalists* (Museum Press, 10s. 6d.), and it is about Britain's reptiles, amphibians, and pond dwellers.

He tells us that there is still much to be found out about the lives of these cold-blooded creatures. Scientists are puzzled, for instance, as to what guides toads on their long overland journey to the particular piece of water where they breed. Toads on their way

to the lake at Chilham Castle, Kent, climb over a brick wall to get there. Young naturalists can throw light on this problem by looking out for the first signs of the toads' long hike to their breeding place.

Those who know little of this branch of natural history, called herpetology, find astonishing facts in this book. Many people will be surprised to learn that tadpoles have very efficient teeth; and that baby grass snakes have a tooth with which to cut their way out of their grape-shaped eggs—a tooth that is shed shortly afterwards.

There are also valuable hints about keeping amphibians and reptiles as pets. Some of them, particularly snakes, are not to everyone's taste as pets, but genial Mr. Toad himself, we are assured by Mr. Knight, can be trained to sit on the palm of one's hand and feed there!

Turning from Toad and Company, Mr. Knight shows us something of what goes on in a pond. Seen through a microscope, a drop of water is a busy world of strange and often very beautiful

organisms. One we should all like to see is "the Brickmaker," a tiny fragment of life that builds for itself a tube-shaped home made of little pellets of sand, arranged in orderly pattern.

The story of these pond creatures, from the amazing caddis fly down to the humble diatom, is more weird and wonderful than fiction. And very readably has Mr. Knight outlined it here.

His book is something more than a guide; it is first-class entertainment about a hidden realm close at hand.

CHURCH MOVES TO NEW PARISH

Another London church is to be removed brick by brick to a new district.

As C.N. readers know, All Saints Church, Peckham, is being built again at Biggin Hill, Kent.

Now St. James's Church, Hampstead, is to become St. Mary's Church at Hammersmith. Much of the work is to be done voluntarily, and the transfer of the building will save thousands of pounds compared with erecting an entirely new one.

THANK HIM FOR SUMMER TIME

This Friday, August 10, marks the centenary of the birth of William Willett, the man to whom thanks are due for Summer Time.

The idea came to William Willett early one glorious summer morning in 1907 as he rode his horse across a wooded Kentish common near Chislehurst. He was a man who loved to share his pleasures, and he had been grieved to see the blinds still drawn in the houses he had passed. It occurred to him that if, by law, the nation's clocks were all advanced one hour during the summer, everyone would get up an hour earlier without noticing it, and thus enjoy an extra hour of daylight.

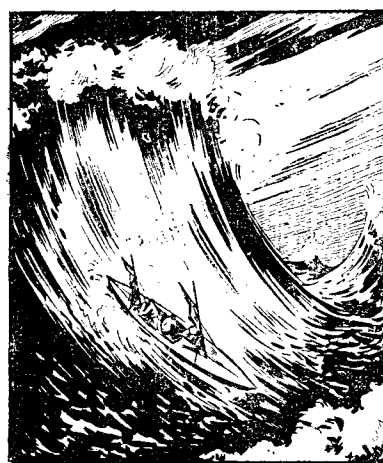
But Parliament rejected his proposal with ridicule. William Willett might well have shrugged his shoulders and done no more in the matter. He was 51, a prosperous builder who could rest content with his considerable reputation. But he had the reforming spirit, and he threw himself tirelessly into a struggle for that extra hour of summer daylight.

WARTIME MEASURE

Willett gradually gained support for his cause but, alas, he did not live to see his dream come true. He died in 1915, and not until 1916 was Summer Time introduced, and then purely as a wartime economy measure. But by the time the First World War ended, people had discovered the benefit of putting their clocks forward. Summer Time remained, and other countries followed Britain's example.

The place where William Willett first conceived his idea is Pett's Wood, a mile or two from Chislehurst. A fine expanse of wood and heath, it was bought by public subscription in 1928 and presented to the National Trust. And there in a little clearing is a sundial set permanently at Summer Time.

THE SHACKLETON SAGA—new picture-story of a great Antarctic explorer (11)



The crew of the James Caird suffered terrible hardships. Everything on board was soaked with spray. In gales the little craft went up and down waves that were like hills of water, and the men were thrown about and bruised. Ice formed on the masts and had to be chipped off—their coldest and worst job. Often stately albatrosses accompanied them, as though interested in their grim struggle to reach distant South Georgia in an open boat 22½ feet long.

Once they were overtaken by the biggest wave any of them had ever seen. The surf at its crest poured into the boat and they had to bale for their lives. At last, after a fortnight at sea, they saw South Georgia, but could find no landing place. Then a gale sprang up and all night they fought desperately to save the boat from being dashed on to the rock-bound coast.

By next morning the gale had died down. They spotted a tiny cove with a narrow entrance, and decided to try running their boat into it. For now they were tormented by thirst, their water being exhausted and ice no longer forming. Another night at sea might have proved fatal to them. By skilful seamanship they just managed to steer safely into the little cove.

Fresh water ran down the beach and they drank gratefully. But they were on the uninhabited side of South Georgia. Between them and the whaling station lay mountains that had never been crossed. To sail round this dangerous coast was out of the question, so Shackleton decided that three of them should cross the mountains to get help. Meanwhile, they made a fire by breaking up the top sides of the ship.

Another first-time-ever journey faces Shackleton; can he succeed again? See next week's instalment

Grand serial about the popular radio schoolboy

THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

While searching for a missing guinea pig, Jennings and Darbshire are discovered by Mr. Wilkins and sent to his room. They find the animal in the master's study, where it has been placed pending its return to its rightful owner.

II. Signal of distress

DARBISHIRE'S eyes were round as saucers as he stared at the missing pet in Jennings' arms. "I can't believe it," he gasped. "How on earth did he manage to get here? What's he doing here?"

"I don't know," retorted Jennings impatiently. "But it's just as well Old Wilkie isn't about. We'd better get Saunders out of here before he comes up and finds him!"

As they debated their best course of action, they were made aware of an even more urgent need to remove the guinea pig to a place of safety. For in through the open door stalked Matron's cat, George III, tail erect and whiskers a-quiver. With a cry of horror, Darbshire swooped upon the startled cat and gathered it into his arms.

For some seconds the boys stood on either side of the room clutching their respective animals. Then Jennings said: "We'll have to shut the cat up in here, and take Saunders outside till we've found something to put him in. If only we'd got a cage, or something..."

"There's a parrot cage in the attic," Darbshire informed him. "That'd do to be going on with, wouldn't it?"

The answer

A bird cage, though not designed for the purpose, would at least offer a temporary solution to the housing problem. So leaving Matron's cat purring contentedly in Mr. Wilkins' armchair, the two boys hastened from the room and closed the door quietly behind them.

A few minutes later the un-oiled hinges of the attic door creaked in protest as Jennings turned the knob and led the way in.

"There you are, you see. Just the job, eh?" Darbshire pointed triumphantly to a battered parrot cage suspended from a nail in the picture-rail. He looked round for something to stand on and finally selected a rusty iron bedstead which he trundled across the floor to the opposite wall.

The bumps and thuds resulting from this operation caused Jennings to grimace in alarm. "Ssh! Quiet, Darbi! Don't make such a row!"

For safety's sake he closed and

latched the door. "You'd better climb up and get it." Faintly from below he could hear the bell sounding for afternoon school. "And buck up about it. We've got to report back to Old Wilkie before we go into class. We daren't keep him waiting about."

"Righto." Darbshire climbed up on the framework and lifted down the parrot cage. From his elevated perch he could see out of the window.

The boy caught his breath in sudden alarm. "Quick, Jen, quick!" he urged. "Old Wilkie's just coming indoors!"

"I can't be quick! I've got Saunders to look after," Jennings protested. "You nip down to Old Wilkie's room and keep him talking till I get there."

With feverish haste he seized the handle, intending to fling wide the door for Darbshire's speedy exit. As he pulled, the knob came away in his hand, while from the passage outside came a little thud as the other end of the knob, with the spindle attached, dropped down on to the floor.

Trapped!

"Oh fish-hooks!" he cried in despair.

"Now what's up?" Darbshire demanded nervously.

"It's this wretched knob. It's come out."

"Well bung it back again, quick!"

"I can't put it back—that's the trouble! The screws shot out when I pulled it!"

"You mean to say we're trapped?"

Jennings nodded miserably. "And it's no good shaking or pushing it. The latch won't turn without the handle, which means that this door can only be opened from the other side!"

Missing guinea pig

As the bell for afternoon school ceased ringing, Mr. Carter emerged from the dining hall and strolled slowly towards the staff-room. When he reached the foot of the stairs, the door leading to the quadrangle hurtled open, and over the threshold came Mr. Wilkins.

"I say, Carter. I wonder if you'd do me a favour?" Mr. Wilkins boomed as he strode up to his colleague. "I shall be a few minutes late getting into class. Would you mind keeping an eye on my Form till I arrive?"

"Certainly," Mr. Carter agreed. "Have they got something to be going on with?"

"Well, if you wouldn't mind coming up to my room with me I'll give you their history books to give back."

On the way upstairs Mr. Wilkins explained the reasons for this minor alteration in the afternoon timetable.

"Atkinson's grandmother has just arrived and she's going to take that guinea pig away with her," he said. "She's gone up to the sick bay to see how the boy's getting on, and I promised I'd take it along to her before I went into class."

The first thing that caught Mr. Wilkins' eye when he opened his study door was that the guinea pig's box was empty and the armchair was full—occupied by a ginger cat washing its whiskers and looking very pleased with itself.

Panic and alarm seized Mr. Wilkins. "Good heavens! What's happened?" he burst out. "Where's that wretched rodent? How did that cat get there?"

"I'm afraid you may have to go and tell Mrs. Atkinson that she's seen the last of her pet," Mr. Carter observed. "You'll have to explain that the guinea pig got out..."

"Yes, but how did the cat get in?" interrupted Mr. Wilkins. "My study door was closed. I distinctly remember shutting it behind me when I went down to the kitchen garden to..." He paused as the obvious answer flashed into his mind.

"Those stupid little boys"

"Wait! I see what's happened. It was those stupid little boys, Jennings and Darbshire! They were carrying the cat when I sent them up here!"

"You suggest that they shut it up in your room and calmly walked off?"

"What else could have happened?" demanded Mr. Wilkins in exasperated tones.

"Quite. But in the meantime Mrs. Atkinson is waiting to see you," Mr. Carter reminded him. "She may not be too pleased when she finds she's come all this way to retrieve a valuable pet which you and the cat between you seem to have carelessly mislaid."

"Doh! It's not my fault, Carter," Mr. Wilkins defended himself. "The trouble I've taken about that animal's welfare! And now what am I going to say to Mrs. Atkinson?"

Ill at ease and dejected in spirit, Mr. Wilkins hurried off to the sick bay at the far end of the landing.

In the attic

Meanwhile, upstairs in the attic, the situation was growing more desperate every minute.

"We may be stuck here for hours—days, even," Jennings said, after all their efforts to open the door had ended in failure.

"What on earth shall we do, then?"

Thanks to Jennings, a solution to the problem was soon forthcoming. The attic in which they were imprisoned was situated immediately above the sick bay on the floor below. If they could attract the attention of the convalescent Atkinson, and warn him of their plight, he might be per-

sued to come upstairs and open the door from the outside.

"Yes, but how do we get in touch with old Atki if he can't hear us when we shout and can't see us if we wave?"

"We'll tap on the window until he looks out to see what's going on."

The equipment needed for communication with the room below consisted of a makeshift window-knocker and a piece of string upon which it could be safely suspended.

There was no shortage of materials in the attic, and Jennings lost no time in finding a sufficient length of string to reach the sick-room window. Before starting work he transferred the guinea pig to his blazer pocket, where it

immediately burrowed under his handkerchief and went to sleep.

"We might as well use the parrot cage for a window tapper," he decided. "Atki will be bound to hear it."

A few moments later he had edged round the wardrobe, opened the window and began lowering the bird cage to the sickroom window on the storey below.

"Hang on to it, Jen," implored Darbshire. "There'd be a frightful hoo-ha if you let go and it crashed down below."

Jennings wound the string more tightly round his fingers and let the bird cage down another few feet.

Operation Rescue was under way.

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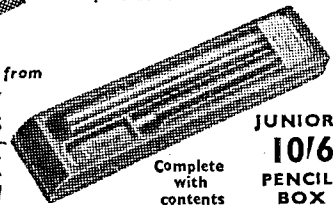


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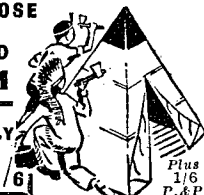
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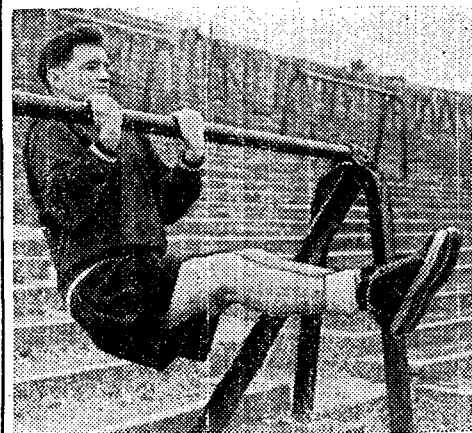
SPORTS SHORTS

JUST 25 years ago, Sidney Wood came from America to win the Wimbledon singles championship. Now he hopes that his son, also named Sidney, will achieve the same feat. Coached by his father and allowed to play only against men, 16-year-old Sidney is one of America's most outstanding juniors.

Bunny sets the pace

ON a sports ground at Prague, not long ago, a rabbit appeared on the race track just before the starter fired his pistol for the 400-metres. Amid peals of laughter from the spectators, Bunny led the field, leaving the runners far behind before it finally disappeared.

IN 1938 Victor Jackson left Sydney; New South Wales, to join the Leicestershire C.C.C. On Saturday this popular all-rounder, who played for a short time with New South Wales, will start his benefit match, against Hampshire. His first-class figures are now more than 15,500 runs and 1000 wickets.



Fit for the start

The football season is nearly on us and all over the country teams are training hard. At the Chelsea ground Ken Armstrong uses one of the crush barriers as a handy horizontal bar.

A "DAVIS CUP" match between Australians and Americans will precede the world professional tennis championships to be held at Wembley next month. Australia will be represented by Frank Sedgman and Rex Hartwig, and America by Pancho Gonzales and Tony Trabert. In the world championships Tony Mottram will be competing for the first time.

Tour of Britain

EIGHTY of Britain's best amateur cyclists will set off from Skegness on Saturday on the start of the annual eight-day Tour of Britain cycle race, in which they will cover 1000 miles. The competitors will complete their long ride at Worthing on Saturday week, after stops at Morecambe, Rhyl, Aberystwyth, Barry, Weston-super-Mare, and Southsea. Desmond Robinson, last year's winner, is not competing, so Derek Evans, of Wolverhampton, may improve on his two previous races, when he was runner-up.

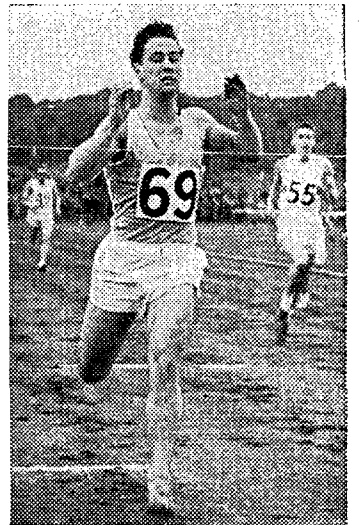
ANOTHER amateur cycling road race will be held on Saturday, when competitors from England, Scotland, Eire, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland will ride from Folkestone to Crystal Palace, as one of the events of the Crystal Palace cycling festival.

HIS HIGHNESS the Kabaka of Buganda was among the team of African chiefs who played Soccer against a team of Britons at Kampala the other day. Playing bare-footed, "King-Freddie" was on the losing side. Qualifications for membership of the British team—The Senile Ones—was 40 years or 40-inch waist.

DURING a recent County cricket match at Derby, the umpire was hit on the ankle from a drive by the batsman. A physiotherapist watching the game gave immediate treatment—with an ice-cream. It reduced the pain enough for the umpire to hobble off the field.

RUSSIAN tennis players at Wimbledon next year? The acceptance of the Soviet Union into the International Lawn-Tennis Federation recently means that Russia intends to enter the world's tournaments, and we may see a team playing at the All-England Club for the first time next year. But it is unlikely that a Wimbledon title-holder will come from that country for many years.

Bright future



John Young, the 18-year-old Birmingham sprinter, has a brilliant future in front of him. He is already the holder of the A.A.A. 100 yards championship and has equalled the English native 100 yards record.

THE earliest record of a match between cricketers of Dartford and Hambledon is August 1756. On September 2 these two clubs will meet again to celebrate the 200th anniversary of that meeting. The game will be held at Hesketh Park, home of the Dartford team and the scene for the first time this year of County cricket. Hambledon will be assisted by Hampshire players and Dartford by members of the Kent team.

The Dragons have left

THIRTY Welsh schoolboys have left Wales for South Africa. They belong to the Welsh Secondary Schools' Rugby team—the "Dragons"—the first junior side ever to tour the Dominions.

Before leaving, captain David Walkley was presented with four Welsh dragons to be presented to any team defeating the tourists. Naturally, Welsh boys hope that David and the "Dragons" will return home with their mascots still with them.

Young mermaid



Into the water shoots three-year-old Judith Lamb of Fulham, London. Recently she was given a certificate by the Fulham Borough Council for swimming one length of the local baths.

Training for the future

ITALIAN football authorities believe in finding players as young as possible. This summer five training schools have been opened for boys between ten and 14; in the Rome school there are over 100 boys. The lads will not play any matches until next year, but are developing their basic skills with specially devised exercises and gym courses.

LOOKING AT THE SKY

LOOK OUT FOR SHOOTING STARS

A FAVOURABLE opportunity occurs this week for seeing in considerable numbers those streaks of light popularly called shooting stars. For the Perseid Meteors are coming and the Moon will be absent.

Some of the meteors may be seen on any night during the week, but they are expected to appear most numerous between the nights of August 10 and 12. Then as many as 60 an hour may be counted, while the total entering the Earth's atmosphere may amount to millions.

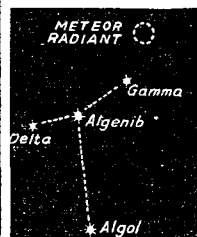
Much depends upon whether our world will enter the meteor stream during one of these nights and at that region where the meteors are most numerous; for if the Earth penetrates the densest portion of this stream during daylight hours the finest part of the display will only be recorded by radar.

NEAR TO EARTH

The meteors should be looked for low in the north-east sky where the constellation of Perseus may be seen, as indicated in the star-map, the meteors radiating from the region of the broken circle. They do not come from the stars and are in no way connected with them; the meteors only appear to come from that region of the sky.

Actually these "meteoric visitors" are very near the Earth when first they are seen

and are much the nearest of all celestial objects. They are part of our Solar System and the residue of a great comet, known as Tuttle's, that came near the Earth in 1862. The meteors follow in the wake of this comet, which travels to about a thousand-million miles beyond the orbit of Neptune.



Chief stars of Perseus

Consequently, each of these Perseid Meteors which we may observe will have come from close upon 4000 million miles. They travel with a speed of between 30 and 40 miles a second as they approach the Earth, and enter the atmosphere at a height of about 500 miles.

At that height the meteors are still invisible, but atmospheric friction rapidly causes them to generate heat, and when they have reached a height of between 70 and 80 miles above us they become incandescent and therefore visible, continuing their flight as streaks of light.

As most of the meteors are very small, no larger than pebbles or even grains of sand, they are burnt up during the second or two that they remain visible. There are, of course, numbers of larger

meteors which will occasionally reach the ground. Some of these, known as meteorites, are subsequently found, buried by the impact; they are usually very hard, heavy, and metallic.

Though many of these meteors may be seen speeding across the sky before midnight, the best time to observe many more is after midnight and in the early morning hours before daybreak. But if looked for then, the constellation of Perseus and the region from whence the meteors appear to come, will be high up in the south, not far from overhead.

We in Britain are then in the front, advancing, side of the Earth as our world pursues its way like a football towards the goal it is going to pass through.

The seeking will also be made entertaining by the presence of the silvery Venus in the east and rosy Mars in the south, in grand contrast and glorious radiance.

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Long-distance air travel twenty years hence will be in 200-passenger jet transports capable of flying at 1500 m.p.h.

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Seen in Tokyo

A Buddhist priest in Tokyo who uses a scooter to visit houses where rites have to be performed at the family shrine.

LORRY GIRL ON TRIAL

Much will depend on the efforts of the woman who is chosen to drive a 12-ton truck in a Round-Australia trial. If she makes a successful trip, the Dominion's biggest road transport company will engage women as lorry drivers for long runs at as much as £30 a week.

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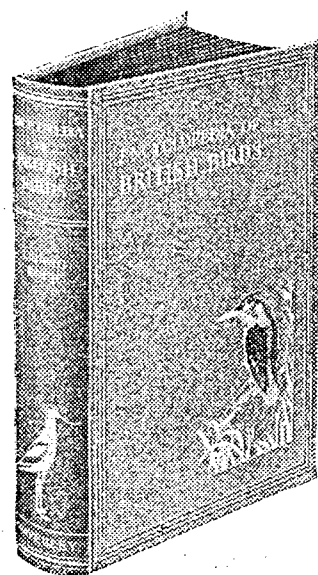
SWEET TO LOOK AT

A window-display in the heart of Cardiff's shopping centre has been drawing crowds of children.

It showed confectionery made by students of the Cardiff College of Technology. The most interesting piece, a joint effort by the bakery and confectionery students, was a dish of marzipan vegetables which won an international gold medal at Berne catering exhibition.

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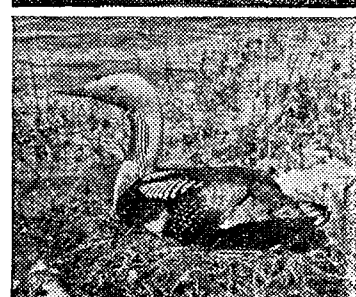
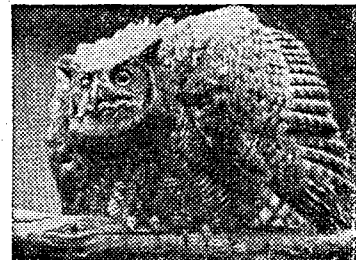
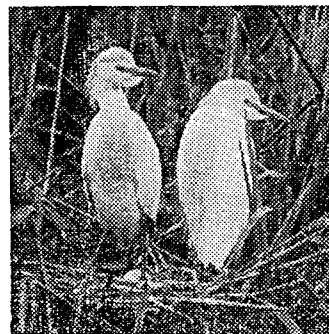
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THE grocer was directing his new errand boy. "After you leave the crossroads," he said, "you'll see a cricket match being played."

"Yes," interrupted the lad eagerly.

"Well, keep on past it."

A SAD TALE

A SHIP of old

Set out, we're told,
To hunt the Two-Tailed Whale.
They found it dead
With one tail gone.
But that's another tale.

BRIAN SAVIN (aged 10)

WHICH TOWN AM I?

EAAANNYVGRB—a town in Monmouthshire. Here are the ruins of a castle; a large Gothic church which formerly belonged to a priory; and a free school founded by Henry VIII.

Answer in column 5

BEDTIME TALE

"No room!" cried the Hermit Crab

FOR days the Hermit Crab had been looking for a new shell house, because he had grown too big for his present home.

At last he found an empty whelk shell caught between two rocks.

"Hurrah! This is just the right size!" he cried. And, after a good deal of tugging with his big right claw, he pulled it out and took it down to the sea bed.

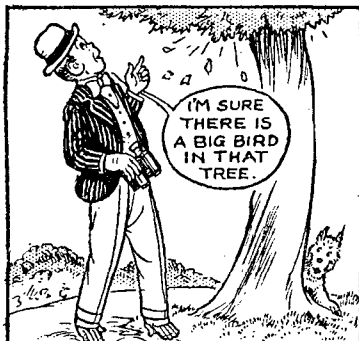
He put it close in front of him, then whisked his soft tail out of his old shell and backed quickly into his new one. Then he drew in his side feelers and his smaller left claw. Lastly, he folded his big claw across the opening and settled down to sleep.

Presently he heard a soft knocking on his house roof. He peeped out and saw an Anemone.

"Please, I am looking for a home," said the Anemone.

"Well, there is no room in here," said the Crab, and went to sleep again.

But soon he heard more knock-



ALL THE SAME

"WHAT'S this, tea or coffee?" demanded the diner angrily.
"Can't you tell?" said the waiter.

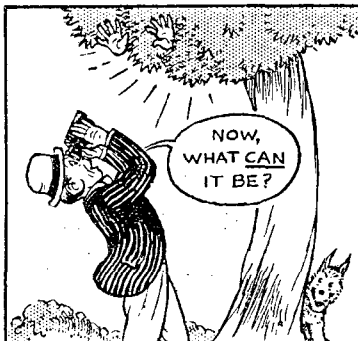
"I certainly can't."

"Then what does it matter?"

FIND THE FLOWER

A DAIRY product gives my first,
My next your tea will hold.
My whole's a very well known flower,
Which gilds the fields with gold.

Answer in column 5



I BEFORE E EXCEPT AFTER C

OUR language is a fickle thing,
But nobody believes me,
When spelling does not fit the sound,
How often it deceives me.

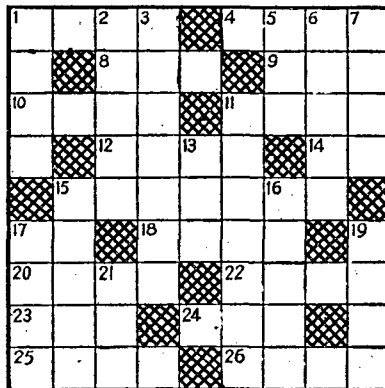
But when correction I receive,
My grief is brief—for I perceive,
And, as my good name I retrieve,
A gentle sigh relieves me.

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Animals with antlers. 4 Circuits. 8 Animal doctor. 19 Charge. 10 Smack. 11 Land measure. 12 Expensive. 14 Not out. 15 In the middle. 17 Alternative. 18 The reverse of a coin. 20 Large lump. 22 Empty. 23 The first woman. 24 Lion's home. 25 Not far away. 26 The Sun does this every evening.

READING DOWN. 1 Powdery pieces of earth. 2 Avoid. 3 Feels regret. 5 Air Force Cross. 6 Danger. 7 Observed. 11 Comes. 13 Air Transport Auxiliary. 15 Long for. 16 Unaccompanied. 17 Portent. 19 Totals. 21 Ocean.

Answer next week.



SPOT THE . . .

PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLY as, daintily poised on a flower, it sips the nectar. The lovely tawny-orange wings are often tinged with pink. Black markings occur on hind and forewings; the forewings have white spots on their tips.



The caterpillar's favourite food plant is thistle, but it also likes burdock, mallow, and nettles.

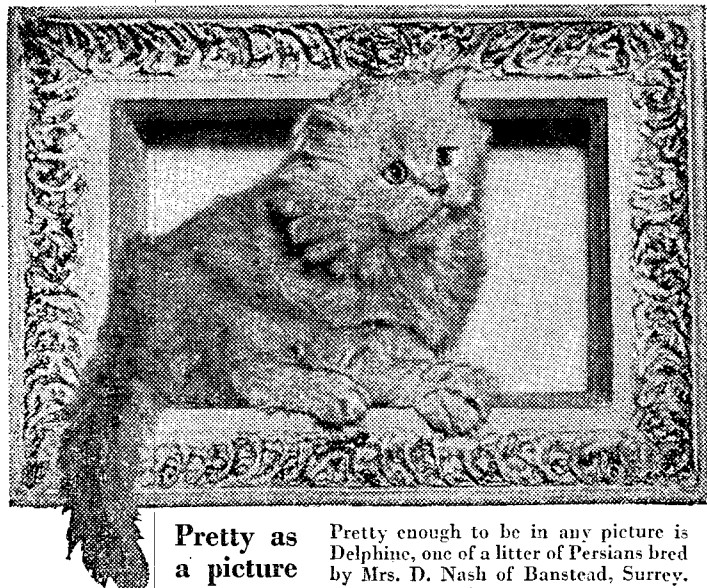
HAPPY OLD LADY

THERE'S a Happy Old Lady who lives in our lane,
Some things that she does we can never explain.
She loses her "specs" on the way up to bed,
Then finds they are safe—on the top of her head!

She will tell of her youth, for she once was eighteen,
Though she often forgets what has happened between.
If you ask her a question she just shakes her head;
Yet she often hears things which you never have said.

She writes little ditties when lying in bed,
With hair like a halo surrounding her head;
If you speak and she asks you "Now what did you say?"
Be patient, for you may be eighty some day!

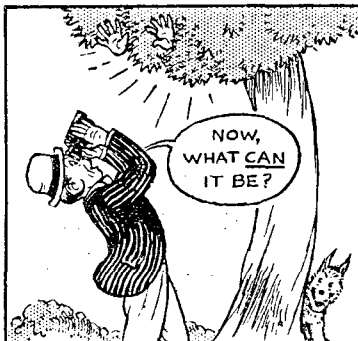
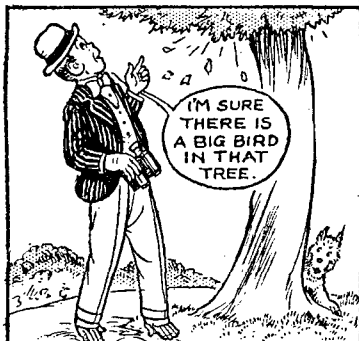
JANE THORNICROFT



Pretty as a picture

Pretty enough to be in any picture is Delphine, one of a litter of Persians bred by Mrs. D. Nash of Banstead, Surrey.

JACKO IS NO BIRD—BUT HE COMES FLYING DOWN



CATCH QUESTION

IF a pig were to dress up, what sort of tie should he wear?

Answer below

HAPPY ENDING

SHE came home from the play looking rather bored.
"Didn't the play end happily?" mother asked.
"Oh, yes. Everyone was happy when it ended."

The Children's Newspaper, August 11, 1956

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in night, but not in day;
My second's in linger, but not in stay.
My third is in dog, but not in cat
My fourth is in this, and also in that.
My fifth is in tumble, but not in fall;
My sixth is in little, but not in tall.
My seventh's in sunshine, and also in rain;
My eighth is in engine, but not in train.
My ninth is in hat, and also in coat;
My tenth is in castle, but not in moat.
My eleventh's in choose, and also in choice—
My whole is a bird with a beautiful voice!

Answer below

THE LATEST

"My car's the latest out, you know."
"Yes, I've heard the neighbours complain of the time you come home and put it in the garage."

ANSWERS TO QUIZ CORNER

- Winchester Cathedral, 555 feet long.
- "Very like father."
- Dogs in their original wild state had to trample down a flat, sheltered spot to sleep in among the jungle grass. This instinct still survives.
- In.
- 28 pieces and 168 spots.
- 17 miles in clear weather. Two flashes with a five seconds interval every half minute.

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Which town Am I? Abergavenny
Find the flower. Buttercup
Riddle-me-ree. Nightingale

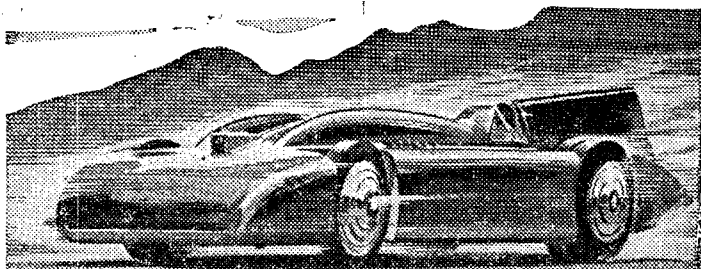
Travel at 300 m.p.h. . .

had seemed only a fantastic dream in 1924 when Sir Malcolm Campbell passed 150 m.p.h. But 10 years later he had raised the record to 272.46 m.p.h. and 300 seemed at last a practical possibility. The famous Bluebird was dismantled and rebuilt around its Rolls Royce "R" type aero engine. It was now over 28 feet long, weighed 5 tons and was fitted with special thin-tread Dunlop tyres tested on a machine to withstand speeds of up to 420 m.p.h. Sir Malcolm's first attempt, at Daytona in March 1935, was spoiled by bad weather. In August he moved to Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, a perfect site for the attempt. In the intense heat he flung Bluebird across the shimmering salt. Two runs were made and the record was shattered — Sir Malcolm had averaged 301.13 m.p.h.

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